



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-8-6A**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** August 22, 2006

**Department:** County Clerk   **Staff Contact:** Jaime Diaz, BOE Administrator  
Mary E. Herrera, County Clerk  
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager for  
Community Services Division

**TITLE:** Purchase of Voting Booths and Ballot Boxes

**ACTION:** Motion to:

1. Approve the expenditure in excess of \$100,000 for the purchase of the Voting Booths and Ballot Boxes.
2. Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for the purchase of the voting booths and ballot boxes.

### **SUMMARY:**

During the 2006 legislative session, Section 1-9-7.1 NMSA 1978 was passed by the New Mexico Legislature that requires all voting systems to have a voter verifiable and auditable paper trail. The General Election will be held on November 7, 2006. The Secretary of State's office has committed to purchasing the voting tabulators (M100 and M600), the Automark Voting Machines (ADA compliant) and the ballots for use in the November 2006 General Election.

Bernalillo County will need to purchase the voting booths and ballot boxes to comply with the all paper ballot election law. The booths will provide voter privacy and are ADA compliant. The County Clerk's office will require 4,750 voting booths (10 at each of the 423 precincts and 40 at each of the 13 early voting sites). Also required are 1,156 ballot boxes (2 at each precinct, 20 at each early voting site and 50 for absentee voting). The Purchasing Department has released a request for bid for this purchase. This purchase will exceed the \$100,000 limit. Staff requests that the Board authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contracts in order to expedite this purchase. It will take from six to eight weeks to manufacture and deliver the voting booths and ballot boxes.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Voting System; voter verifiable paper trail, Section 1-9-7.1 NMSA 1978

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This purchase has been included in the approved budget for the general election.

# **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

Purchasing the ballot boxes and voting booths will ensure compliance with the election law. I recommend Board Approval. TL 8/15/06

## **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

This item will allow the purchase of voting equipment necessary for the 2006 General Election and has been approved in the 2006-2007 budget. JMB 8/15/06

## **LEGAL**

Approval of this item will allow for the purchase of the requested items, while recognizing the bounds of the Manager's contractual authority. PFT 8/14/06

## **FINANCE**

<b>Budget</b>	Funding for the General Election, in the amount of \$3,023.300, was approved in the 2006-2007 budget at the June 13, 2006 Bernalillo County Commission meeting. The approved budget for the General Election is budgeted in BC01-566200-08CS. Teresa Byrd, Budget Director 8/14/06
<b>Purchasing</b>	Proper purchasing procedures will be followed in the solicitation and award of the RFB to purchase voting booths and ballot boxes for the General Election to be held in November. Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 8/14/06
<b>Contracts</b>	No comment required. Lisa Sedillo-White, Purchasing Director 8/14/06
<b>Risk Management</b>	No comment required on purchase of ballot boxes and booths. David A. Baca, Risk Management Administrator 8/14/06

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS**

### **County Clerk**

This purchase is necessary to conduct the 2006 General Election on November 7, 2006 as an all paper ballot election, as required by law. Mary Herrera, County Clerk 8/11/06